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FORTY-FIFTH YEAR.

HEAVY EARTHQUAKE TERRORIZES SOUTH ITALY

REPRESENTATIVES OF INDIA HOLD ANNUAL MEETING WITH LESS BICKERING THAN USUAL

Lord Morley's Reforms
Have Cleared Air
Considerably

PROPOSALS WILL INAUGURATE
GREAT CHANGES

VARIOUS FACTIONS BANGUINE
NEW ATTITUDE WILL BE
SATISFACTORY TO
ALL CASTES

By Associated Press.
MIRAS, Dec. 28.—The first session of the Indian International Congress today was entirely harmonious and promises this year to clear the air and put a damper on the activities of the agitators who recently caused so much anxiety.

At the last meeting of the congress, just a year ago, the opposition to the election of Dr. Behari Gohz as president, resulted in a free fight and caused the congress to be indefinitely postponed.

Referring to the Morley reforms, Gohz declared today they had broken the sinister clouds that have hung over India during the last twelve months, and said they would give India something like a constitutional government, instead of an unpopular autocratic regime.

Continuing, Gohz criticized all repressive legislation, and said the British sovereignty could not be shaken by a few flasks of picric acid, or a few pounds of gunpowder, but he hoped the genuine co-operation of Indians with the British government would lead to obtaining a colonial self government.

The reform proposals unfolded by Lord Morley, secretary of state for India, in the House of Lords on December 17, are: The increase of membership in both the judicial and vicerey's council by nomination and election, and giving the different classes of the community a representative; the repeal of the prohibition against legislative councils discussing matters of general importance; the increase in the executive councils at Bombay and Madras from two to four members each; to give the lieutenant governor of the executive council two members, and to adopt a device to secure an official majority.

SCORES BANK COMMISSION.

NAPA, Dec. 28.—Caustic criticism of the state bank commission for alleged dereliction, formed a part of the final report of the Napa grand jury, which concluded its labors today.

DEFENDANT IS ILL CASE OF NIGHT RIDERS PAUSES

AFTER STATE CLOSES CASE THE
DEFENSE BEGINS TO
ESTABLISH AN
ALIBI

By Associated Press.
UNION CITY, Tenn., Dec. 28.—The sudden illness of Arthur Clear, one of the defendants in the Night Riders case, caused the suspension of the trial this afternoon.

The state had completed its testimony and rested. "Bud" Morris and Applewhite, defendants, testified, and denied any connection with night riders.

The defense laid the foundation of an alibi.

STANDARD OIL COMPANY TO APPEAL MISSOURI OUSTER SUIT

ATTORNEYS OF OIL COMBINE
CONFEE UPON CAMPAIGN
OF PROCEEDURE
IN CASE

By Associated Press.
KANSAS CITY, Dec. 28.—That the attorney of the Standard Oil Company will apply to the Supreme Court of Missouri for a re-hearing of the ouster suit recently decided adversely to the company, was indicated today.

Alfred D. Eddy, of Chicago, general western attorney of the company, and Frank Hagerman, local attorney of the Standard Oil, today conferred on a plan of procedure.

SPEEDY TRIALS BOOKED FOR BOODLERS

BOTH SIDES ASSERT THEY ARE
READY AND INDICATIONS
POINT TO EARLY
HEARING

By Associated Press.
PITTSBURGH, Dec. 28.—Attorneys for the prosecution in the alleged corrupt practices of Pittsburgh councilmen, and two former bankers, declare the trials will be urged to a speedy conclusion.

District Attorney Blakely said he would try to have the cases disposed of before the municipal election in February, at which the councilmen are arrested are candidates for reelection.

The attorneys for the defendants say they are ready to meet the charges at any time.

In connection with the alleged bribing of councilmen by bankers to secure the deposits of the city funds, it is said a plan was followed to have the bank's New York correspondents forward the amount of the alleged corruption fund to another Pittsburgh bank to the credit of the councilman negotiating the bribery deal, and he would make the distribution to others.

AMERICAN WARSHIPS ON HAND Cruisers Arrive in Venezuelan Waters to Look Around

WILLEMSTADT, Dec. 28.—The United States cruiser Des Moines arrived here today. The Des Moines was in communication with another vessel about five miles outside, believed to be the North Carolina.

After the two vessels separated the second warship proceeded west.

SCOTTY SURE BROKE

Makes Application in Chicago to Join
Marine Corps.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Walter Scott, alias "Death Valley Scotty," entered the recruiting office today to join the Marine Corps. If he passes the physical examination he will be sent to Cuba in about ten days.

FAIL TO CONFIRM KILLING.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 28.—There is no confirmation of the reported attempt to assassinate the Shah of Persia Saturday.

TUMBLING HOUSES CRUSH AND TIDAL WAVE WATERS DROWN MANY THOUSANDS

Communication is Cut Off From Stricken
Region but Meagre Reports Show
Devastation is Greatest
Suffered in Years.

By Associated Press.
ROME, Dec. 28.—Three provinces, Cosenza, Catanzaro and Reggio di Calabria, comprising the department of Calabria, which forms the southwestern extremity of Italy, or the "toe of the boot," were devastated today by an earthquake, the far-reaching effects of which were felt at almost every point throughout the country.

The town of Messina, Sicily, was partly destroyed and Catania was inundated.

In Messina hundreds of houses have fallen, and many persons were killed.

Owing to the fact that telegraphic and telephonic communications were destroyed, it has been impossible to obtain even an approximate idea of the vast damage. The fate of entire regions within the zone of the earthquake is unknown, but reports up to a late hour indicate the havoc was great, and the destruction of life and property more terrible than Italy has experienced in many years.

The uncertainty of the situation for so many thousands has filled all Italians with deepest distress.

All reports show the present catastrophe embraces a larger area than the earthquake of 1905.

A tidal wave which followed the earthquake snooked along the coast of Sicily sank vessels and inundated the lower part of Catania. It is known a number of persons were killed at that place, but the rushing waters which carried everything before them caused such indescribable confusion that it will be impossible for some time to estimate the damage and number of lives lost.

For a period the town of Messina and the whole province of Reggio were completely isolated through the interruption of telegraph and telephone connection and by landlides that obstructed the railroad. Absolutely nothing was heard from Reggio throughout the day, and first news from Messina came in the form of a dispatch which a torpedo boat, flying full speed along the coast of the peninsula, carried from point to point, always finding the wires down, until it reached Nicotera, where the telegraph wires were found intact.

From this point the dispatch was sent. Briefly it stated the situation was desperate, and after summarizing the intensity of the catastrophe ended with the announcement that Captain Passino, commander of the local station of torpedo boats, was buried under debris, after having, with other officials, performed heroic work in trying to save others.

The government has proceeded energetically to relieve the widespread distress.

Messina suffered more than any other place, and the latest information coming directly from that quarter states two-thirds of the town was destroyed and several thousand persons were killed.

The steamers Wasington and Montibello, of Messina, proceeded to Catania and loaded the injured. Five steamers left Catania for Messina to assist in removing the injured, said to number thousands.

At Catania the panic-stricken people refused to enter their houses, camping in the squares.

The tidal wave sank five hundred boats and did great damage to several large vessels and steamers, including the Austrian steamer Buda.

It is reported the villages Faro and Ganzirri, adjoining Messina, have disappeared.

The effects of the earthquake were aggravated through the explosion of gas. It flames swept along several streets and added terror upon terror.

In Calabria the region around Monteleone was one of the most affected. The town of Etefanaconi, with a twenty-three thousand population, was virtually destroyed. Only five persons were killed, but many were injured.

In the mountain districts the population has taken refuge in caves.

The number of deaths at Catania is not believed to be large. Among the children swept away by the waves was a boy fifteen months old torn away from his mother.

Unconfirmed reports say Reggio, the capital of the province, eight miles from Messina on the opposite side of the strait, met the same fate.

The clergy in the earthquake districts did much to calm the people.

At Castellanissetta, a Sicilian town of 30,000 persons, a number of houses was shaken down and the inhabitants have fled. The vast crowds have filled the parks and churches.

At Mineo, a small town, several houses collapsed.

A panic ensued at the Catania shipping docks.

At Agosta in the province of Syracuse, two church and several houses were demolished. No lives were lost but the prisoners in the jail at Agosta escaped and ran for their liberty through the praying crowds in the streets.

Troops restored order.

Great loss of life was at Calabria, where three persons are dead and sixty are wounded by the ruins. At Stenfanconi soldiers are at work to succor.

Sixty persons are said to be injured at Sannofrio.

Troops have been sent everywhere to the rescue.

STEAMERS BUFFETED.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—A dispatch from Catania, Sicily, says the Swedish steamer Asia, Austrian steam Bulatowo, and Italian steamer Storaceolo, were damaged by the earthquake and consequent tidal wave at that port today.

The extent of the damage is unknown.

PALMI SHAKEN.

PALMI, Italy, Dec. 28.—In the earthquake today many business houses were shaken to the ground. It is said there are many victims.

WAVE SWEEPS ISLAND.

CATANIA, Sicily, Dec. 28.—A tidal wave swept the port today as a result of the earthquake and the people on the water front are in an indescribable condition and fear to approach the water. The wave was seen and the people fled.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Fair Tuesday. Light frost.

ARIZONA FORECAST.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Arizona fair Tuesday.

DEFENSE OF THORNTON HAINS SCORES IMPORTANT POINTS IN FIRST DAY'S TESTIMONY

IRATE HUSBAND KILLS HISTRIONIC LOVELACE IN DENVER

WITNESSES ASSERT KILLER'S
WIFE AVOIDED DEATH
BY MEANS OF FIRE
ESCAPE

By Associated Press.
DENVER, Dec. 28.—Bert Edward Dury, known on the stage as Byron Allenton, playing this week in this city, was shot through the head and instantly killed this afternoon in a rooming house in Curtis street by Bert Bell. The killer was captured.

Witnesses say Mrs. Bell, who was in the room with Dury, escaped the same fate by climbing a fire escape to the third floor.

Bell was arrested and taken to jail.

PUT HARD WORK UPON TARIFF REVISION

DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSMEN WILL
CONSTRUCT A BILL OF
THEIR OWN FOR
HOUSE

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The work of preparing the revised tariff bill was resumed by the sub-committee of the ways and means committee today.

Two meetings were held, and very likely will be held daily until the time comes for the report of congress at the special session.

Henry D. Clayton of Alabama, chair of the Democratic caucus of the house, expressed his views on the Democratic attitude in the proposed revision of the tariff and expressed the greatest confidence in Champ Clark.

Clayton said in his opinion it was not sufficient for the Democratic congressmen to assume an attitude of simple negation and merely oppose what the Republicans offer. He declared they must formulate an entire tariff bill covering every schedule and go into the committee of the whole with it and champion it.

It should demand revision in its every schedule. He asked members of the house about it and they want the complete bill to go before the country.

BRITISH BOATS COLLIDE.

NEW CASTLE, N. S. W., Dec. 28.—The British steamer Advance and the British bark Ivernia suffered a collision off here today. The Advance went down and with the exception of the first officer all the crew was lost. The Ivernia reached Newcastle leaking badly.

DISCOVER BIG THEFT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The robbery of \$30,000 in jewelry and \$5,000 in cash from Oscar W. Jackel, in Third avenue, was discovered today.

SILVER MARKET.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Silver 49%; Mexican dollars 45.

COPPER MARKET.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Copper, lake 14 1/4 @ 14 1/4; electrolytic 14 @ 14 1/4; casting, 13 1/2 @ 14 1/4.

Witness Testifies That
He Invited Hains
Brothers

EYE WITNESS CONTRADICTS
STATE'S EVIDENCE

CROSS EXAMINATION PROVES
FUTILE IN ATTEMPT TO
BREAK DOWN NEW
STORY

By Associated Press.
FLUSHING, Dec. 28.—The defense scored two material points in the evidence taken today in the trial of Thornton Hains, which the defendant's counsel assert they will disprove the charge the author was a principal in the killing of Annis.

The testimony that Thornton Hains did not go to Bayside to kill Annis, but to look at property, was testified by Charles Weaver, sales agent of the Hains Concrete Mixer Company, who further declared that at his urgent invitation the Hains brothers postponed their trip to Sandy Hook and went to Bayside. He also asserted that from the actions of Peter Hains he believed him irrational.

The second material point was drawn from John Tierney, a garbage collector, who said he was an eye witness of the shooting. Tierney declared the captain had ceased firing before his brother ran down to the boat, and defendant did not draw his revolver until Charles Roberts, a club member, advanced toward Captain Hains with the captain's revolver in hand.

Tierney said Thornton Hains did not point his revolver at anybody on the boat, but called for an officer to arrest his brother.

He did not see Mrs. Annis on the boat.

A severe cross-examination failed to shake his testimony.

HOTTENTOTS ON RAMPAGE.

German Soldiers Are Killed in Pursuit
of Savages.

CAPETOWN, Dec. 28.—The Hottentots in German Southwest Africa, who are again on the warpath, recently raided the cattle ports and murdered two Europeans.

Seven German soldiers sent in pursuit were shot down by the Hottentots. Great anxiety prevails.

AMBASSADOR BYRNE PRESIDES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—With Ambassador from England James Bryce presiding, the American Political Science Society met today for its first annual meeting.

OPIUM RAISERS RIOTING WITHDRAW TO BELIN MOUNTAINS

ORDER PROHIBITING PLANTING
OF DOPE FLOWER STIRS
UP HORNET'S NEST
IN CHINA

By Associated Press.
AMOY, Dec. 28.—Riots which started Saturday through the refusal of natives to obey the order prohibiting the planting of opium poppies, now affects the twelve villages twenty miles west of Tung An, and two thousand men are reported under arms with drawn to the Belin mountains. The authorities have asked for additional troops.